

Table 1. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1945 to 1978

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	121 955	115 711	137 067	147 315	168 672	201 614	230 045	242 934
Land in farms..... acres.....	30 848 898	29 801 127	32 420 284	32 691 618	33 155 226	34 195 379	35 123 143	35 278 251
Average size of farm..... acres.....	253	258	237	222	197	170	153	145
Approximate land area..... acres.....	44 154 240	44 156 736	44 156 736	44 248 320	44 248 320	44 304 640	44 304 640	44 332 800
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	69.9	67.5	73.4	73.9	74.9	77.2	79.3	79.6
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	185 361	102 074	53 034	33 451	22 094	13 815	9 720	6 285
Average per acre..... dollars.....	726	396	224	150	112	81	64	43
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 873	5 209	20 435	39 293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	5 637	11 394	27 707	37 100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	15 513	25 319	36 904	34 999	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	25 092	26 001	24 009	19 762	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	16 097	13 613	10 643	7 155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	16 230	12 613	8 207	4 744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	10 034	6 922	3 788	1 839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	21 722	11 921	4 566	2 163	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	9 755	2 719	808	260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	111 657	107 673	127 337	134 608	153 354	181 115	211 067	220 708
..... acres.....	20 706 324	19 339 032	20 954 640	17 960 340	18 170 187	17 705 129	18 756 993	16 856 739
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	96 905	93 357	105 853	119 569	136 089	162 726	191 678	210 571
..... acres.....	12 663 878	11 764 849	10 035 742	11 067 975	12 177 822	12 365 630	12 263 847	12 902 170
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	45 321	41 548	53 794	59 056	64 372	82 219	107 726	119 303
1 to 9 acres.....	7 593	5 805	9 496	13 068	13 992	19 366	24 724	27 765
10 to 19 acres.....	11 503	10 785	14 543	15 619	16 789	20 459	26 041	26 637
20 to 29 acres.....	10 743	10 081	12 267	12 351	13 337	16 497	22 266	24 312
30 to 49 acres.....	15 482	14 877	17 488	18 018	20 254	25 897	34 695	40 589
50 to 99 acres.....	18 047	19 105	21 937	24 952	30 318	39 343	46 367	53 066
100 to 199 acres.....	14 934	15 567	16 731	21 186	26 556	29 273	28 259	29 630
200 to 499 acres.....	13 592	12 981	11 203	12 490	13 366	10 942	8 668	8 003
500 to 999 acres.....	3 958	3 357	1 842	1 626	1 293	826	567	520
1,000 acres or more.....	1 053	799	346	259	184	123	91	49
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	936	718	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	117	81	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	70 661	70 762	87 176	70 970	85 790	95 208	116 659	83 148
..... acres.....	6 937 093	6 691 506	7 401 370	4 427 830	4 703 808	4 385 381	5 103 949	2 915 543
Other cropland..... farms.....	28 642	18 712	58 563	58 455	34 429	35 437	46 424	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 105 353	882 677	3 517 528	2 464 535	1 288 557	954 118	1 389 197	1 039 026
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	10 185	(NA)	(NA)	42 618	12 580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	328 348	(NA)	(NA)	1 670 410	537 738	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 091	(NA)	(NA)	7 081	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13 413
..... acres.....	90 520	(NA)	(NA)	155 717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	396 823
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	3 454	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	128 040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	17 032	(NA)	(NA)	21 013	(NA)	20 297	(NA)	25 684
..... acres.....	558 445	(NA)	(NA)	638 408	(NA)	472 944	(NA)	642 203
Total woodland..... farms.....	65 059	58 062	72 803	90 004	100 752	119 020	130 364	122 140
..... acres.....	5 105 797	4 670 747	5 847 233	7 334 597	7 856 023	8 584 642	8 498 310	7 131 754
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	45 164	(NA)	(NA)	70 576	77 751	98 053	101 472	95 447
..... acres.....	3 025 783	(NA)	(NA)	5 213 606	5 434 422	6 581 567	5 804 522	5 158 733
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	31 822	(NA)	(NA)	35 684	42 292	38 856	53 863	45 878
..... acres.....	2 080 014	(NA)	(NA)	2 120 991	2 421 601	2 003 075	2 693 788	1 973 021
Other land..... farms.....	87 887	84 191	102 672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	5 036 777	5 791 348	5 618 411	7 396 681	7 129 016	7 905 608	7 867 840	11 289 758
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	29 480	(NA)	(NA)	79 202	83 318	103 716	108 300	167 329
..... acres.....	3 586 261	(NA)	(NA)	5 834 825	5 411 415	6 325 087	6 036 457	9 637 269
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	81 008	(NA)	(NA)	137 733	(NA)	190 051	213 046	233 266
..... acres.....	1 450 516	(NA)	(NA)	1 561 856	1 717 601	1 580 521	1 831 383	1 652 489
Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 381	1 310	1 386	822	590	752	142	118
..... acres.....	343 672	150 446	155 862	59 426	29 957	32 998	2 089	1 113

¹1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. ²Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. ³Varies from State to State, 1950 through 1964; 17 Western States, 1945 not available.

Table 2. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978	1974	1969		1978	1974	1969
Farms..... number.....	97 862	82 385	86 503	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	28 854 226	26 267 382	27 089 924	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	295	319	313	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 624	4 630	7 807
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	79 845	212 153	499 552
Average per farm..... dollars.....	214 299	126 881	71 027	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	3 163	1 807	6 134
Average per acre..... dollars.....	724	398	0-	..... acres.....	122 419	89 950	298 178
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	14 928	5 813	23 410
Total cropland..... farms.....	91 234	78 274	83 044	..... acres.....	501 523	259 545	1 247 192
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	19 731 683	17 505 818	18 195 643	Total woodland..... farms.....	52 257	40 789	47 106
..... acres.....	12 378 136	11 332 070	9 393 221	..... acres.....	4 469 771	3 656 630	4 365 539
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	37 035	29 522	35 328
1 to 49 acres.....	31 324	22 671	26 712	..... acres.....	2 678 342	2 248 169	2 855 527
50 to 99 acres.....	17 428	17 792	19 853	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	25 403	19 421	21 755
100 to 199 acres.....	14 870	15 544	16 642	..... acres.....	1 791 429	1 408 461	1 510 012
200 to 499 acres.....	13 580	12 974	11 195	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	24 757	27 589	29 771
500 to 999 acres.....	3 950	3 353	1 839	..... acres.....	3 335 810	3 862 589	3 278 643
1,000 acres or more.....	1 051	799	346	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	65 386	56 170	61 198
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	934	718	310	..... acres.....	1 316 962	1 242 345	1 250 099
2,000 acres or more.....	117	81	36	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	78 533	67 273	73 959
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	58 612	49 146	56 663	..... acres.....	12 371 470	11 532 538	11 992 221
..... acres.....	6 357 318	5 421 780	5 858 051	Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 081	1 183	1 214
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 765	5 249	18 357	..... acres.....	340 615	149 165	153 191
..... acres.....	292 442	190 320	899 449				

¹1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.